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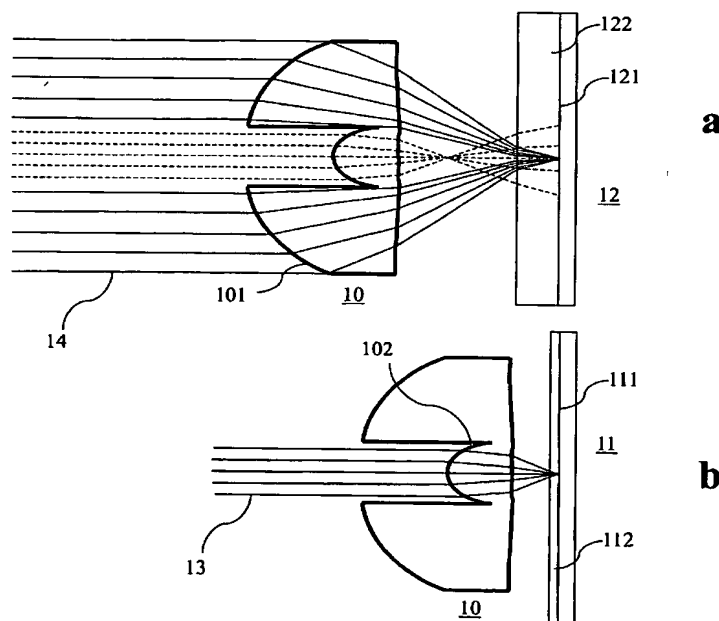
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(54) Title: OBJECTIVE LENS AND SCANNING DEVICE USING SUCH AN OBJECTIVE LENS



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to an objective lens and an optical device for scanning different information carriers having different cover layer thicknesses, with different numerical apertures. The objective lens (10, 20) comprises at least an annular part (101, 201) having a first numerical aperture and a central part (102, 203) having a second numerical aperture. The second numerical aperture is higher than the first numerical aperture.

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